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6 March 67

Mr. Cartha D. Deloach
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Deke:

Enclosed, a wire copy of the story I did as a result of my visit to New Orleans.

I've never seen a story with such a sticky aftermath -- the nuts keep after me by telephone. In the space of a couple of hours yesterday:

-- [redacted] called my New Orleans bureau to say he had highly confidential information for me at no fee; that he would be dead in a week; that he was leaving his wife; he didn't like my story (although he he had not read it) and so on for 90 minutes.

-- [redacted] called to ask for a copy of the story. The office told him to go buy a paper.

-- [redacted] called ostensibly to complain about my story, but to offer, too, to turn over to us evidence of a Washington plot to discredit Garrison.

[redacted] That fellow should change brands.

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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division

[redacted] told me -- in confidence, if such there be with this man -- that he was going after a group of high-status fags who at one time were quite involved with the lower echelons of the JFK plot. The arrest of Shaw, known to some as "Queen of the Quarter," and interrogation of Andrews, who supposedly has represented homos in a number of cases, would seem to bear out [redacted] original intention.

[redacted] now claims to have an unlisted phone -- [redacted]

What a dirty, dirty case! I certainly hope I don't have to go back down there.

Sincerely,

Merriman Smith

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